HOUSE BILL 1768

By Sexton C

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 10, relative to dispensing of prescription medication.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) Unless the prescriber has specified on the prescription that dispensing a prescription for a maintenance medication in an initial amount followed by periodic refills is medically necessary, a pharmacist may exercise professional judgment to dispense varying quantities of medication per fill up to the total number of dosage units as authorized by the prescriber on the original prescription including any refills.
- (b) This section does not apply to controlled substances or to any medications for which a report to the controlled substance database is required pursuant to § 53-10-305.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.